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## AARA General Meeting ~ September 6, 2018

The meeting was held at the Lafayette Science Museum and started at 7:00 PM with 21 persons in attendance.

### General

Club President Chris Ancelet N5MCY opened and conducted the meeting. Club Treasurer Tom Dischler W5OHJ led the group in the opening prayer. Chris led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chris reminded the group that the minutes of last month's General Meeting were published in the LARC. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Joseph Meaux K2JDM and seconded by Derek Meche WM5TS.

Tom presented his Treasurer's Report to the group. A motion to accept his report was made by Joseph Meaux K2JDM, seconded by Al Pringle KE5UPM and approved by the group.

### Tour de Teche

Chris provided an update on the 2018 Tour de Teche canoe race link to be held October 5th– 7th. All personnel requests have been fulfilled and the tee shirts have been ordered. Members scheduled to man checkpoints will be receiving an email from Sandy Leblanc KE5KJF providing information on when and where they are expected to be set up, duties they are to perform and other topics related to their support of the event.

### 2019 Hamfest

Brandon Stelly updated the group on the status of next year's hamfest. The Rayne Civic Center has been booked. The suitability and cost of other venues is being explored.

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## **AARA GENERAL MEETING**

**October 4, 2018 @ 7:00 PM**

**Lafayette Science Museum 433 Jefferson St. Lafayette, LA**

[www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/](http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/)

**VE Testing @ 6:00 PM**

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**DATES TO REMEMBER****GENERAL MEETING**

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 Lafayette Science Museum  
 433 Jefferson Street  
 Lafayette, LA

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/>  
 Local 2-Meter Nets

**Monday**

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM  
 146.820 PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

**Tuesday**

Region 4 SkyWarn Net 7:00 PM  
 145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

**Wednesday**

Silent Key Memorial Net 6:30 PM  
 145.410 No PL New Iberia, LA

**Thursday**

Youth Net 7:00 PM  
 146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA  
 EchoLink Node: 370324

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**EMCOMM Go-Kits**

David McCutcheon KG5 JHR provided an update on the club's EMMCOMM Go-Kit project. All HF radios, VHF/UHF radios, digital interfaces, power supplies, speakers and associated cabling have been procured. The first prototype Go-Kit has been built utilizing a portable 4U rack case and was on display for the members to see. The additional rack case and shelving for the second Go-Kit will be ordered so that it can be completed this month. The club has already procured two laptop computers and two 80m/40m wire dipole antennas to go along with each Go-Kit. Items left to procure are the VHF/UHF antennas, portable coax, miscellaneous supplies/tools and a portable case to transport them in. When completed, these kits will provide full HF/VHF/UHF voice and digital communications in a unit that is easily transported by a single individual.

**Mentorship Program**

Chris gave the group an update on the clubs mentorship program. He is working with Paul McCasland N5KNY to create a topic based forum on the club's website where individuals can share information on specific amateur radio related topics.

**Emergency Preparedness Presentation**

Chris gave a slideshow presentation on general emergency preparedness. His presentation was based information obtained from the READY.GOV website sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security. The presentation focused on the following 12 steps of preparedness.

- Sign up for alerts to stay informed
- Make a plan
- Save for a rainy day
- Practice emergency drills
- Test your family communication plan
- Safe guard important documents
- Plan with your neighbors
- Make your home safer
- Know your evacuation routes

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## September 2018



## VE TEST SESSION

### Test Session Results 6 September 2018

Tonight was okey dokey for testing. We now have two new Techs amongst us. They happen to be husband and wife or maybe it should be the other way around. They are Henrietta ~ KI5BPD & Lynn Percle ~ KI5BPE of Lafayette.

The VES in attendance were: Greg ~K5LFT, Dave ~ N4ELM, Ric~ KF5KEL, and Tom ~ W5OHJ.

Congratulations to Heniretta & Lynn & THX to the VES for the excellent assistance as usual.....

73, de Greg ~ K5LFT



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Assemble and update supplies  
Get involved with your community  
Document and insure property

Everyone was encouraged to develop and implement a plan based on their specific situation.

### VE Testing

Greg Dolan K5LFT informed the group that two individuals successfully completed their Technician level exams during the VE testing session conducted prior to the meeting.

### Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bobby Leblanc KG5KFK and seconded by Tom Dischler W5OHJ. The motion passed and Chris adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Prepared by David McCutcheon

## Scouting's 2018 Jamboree on the Air Set for Oct 19 – 21

From the *ARRL* newsletter

Scouting organizations are still registering to participate in the 2018 Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) over the October 19 - 21 weekend. With about 1 month to go, JOTA Coordinator Jim Wilson, K5ND, told ARRL that registration is "probably on target" at this point. US registrations stood at 235 as of the end of last week. Right after JOTA 2017, 489 US locations had signed up, although that included both Jamboree on the Air and Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI) participants, which, Wilson said, the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) have "remained steadfast" in considering JOTA and JOTI as separate events, although, he noted, this is not the case at the world level.

Held each year on the third full weekend in October, JOTA is the world's largest Scouting event. JOTA uses Amateur Radio to link Scouts and hams around the world. Scouts of any age and gender can participate, from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts and Venturers.

Radio amateurs at the local level are encouraged to work with a scout council or unit to set up a JOTA station or arrange to have Scouts visit their shacks. "You can also participate just by making QSOs with the many JOTA stations that will be on the air," Wilson said.

## **Emergency Preparedness Takes Center Stage for 2018 Simulated Emergency Test**



The 2018 ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET) is just ahead. The primary ARRL-sponsored national emergency exercise is designed to assess the skills and preparedness of Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES®) volunteers as well as those affiliated with other organizations involved with emergency and disaster response. Although the main SET weekend this year is October 6 - 7, local and Section-wide exercises may take place throughout the fall. Those who already take part in public service and emergency activities are getting ready for the annual SET, a dress rehearsal, next month. But, the 2018 ARRL SET is an open casting call for all radio amateurs interested in expanding their emergency preparedness knowledge and skill.

The annual SET encourages maximum participation by all Amateur Radio operators, partner organizations, and national, state, and local officials who typically engage in emergency or disaster response.

In addition to ARES volunteers, radio amateurs active in the National Traffic System, Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES), SKYWARN™, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network (SATERN), and a variety of other allied groups and public service-oriented radio amateurs are needed to fulfill important roles in this nationwide exercise.

The SET allows volunteers to test equipment, modes, and skills under simulated emergency conditions and scenarios. Individuals can use the time to update a "go-kit" for use during deployments and to ensure their home station's operational capability in an emergency or disaster.

At the national level, ARRL has established formal working relationships with partner organizations and agencies, such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the American National Red Cross, the Salvation Army, the National Weather Service, the National Communications System, the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International (APCO-International), Citizen Corps, National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD), REACT International, Society of Broadcast Engineers (SBE), United States Power Squadron, and Boy Scouts of America. [Details](#) on these organizations and how they work with ARRL and Amateur Radio operators are on the ARRL website.

To get involved, contact your local ARRL Emergency Coordinator or Net Manager. Check on upcoming planned activities through local, state, or Section-wide nets. If you don't know already, find out who the Emergency Coordinator is and where the nearest [ARES group](#) meets. Your ARRL Section Manager should be able to assist.

Additional background on the annual SET appears in the article, "2017 Simulated Emergency Test Results," in the July 2018 issue of QST. Guidelines and specific [SET reporting forms](#) for ARRL Section and Field Organization leaders are posted on the ARRL website for use by Emergency Coordinators and Net Managers, or by Section leaders in charge of reporting this year's SET activity. -- Thanks to Steve Ewald, WV1X

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### ARCOS Cookout and Swapmeet

The ARCOS Cookout and Swapmeet will be held on Saturday, September 29, 2018. The cookout will be held at the North Shreve Baptist Church. The following Google Maps [link will show the location of the church](#). Additional information will be added later.

Sponsor: Amateur Radio Club of Shreveport

Website: <http://n5shv.org>

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### TOUR du TECHE CANOE RACE – 2018

PORT BARRE, LA TO BERWICK, LA - a 135 mile three day event.

The Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. (AARA) of Lafayette, Louisiana and the B.E.A.R.S. (Bayou Emergency Amateur Radio Service) Club of Morgan City, Louisiana will supply communication support for this event during the three days beginning October 5th, 6th, & 7th 2018. The AARA will also operate a Special Event Station during this event using the callsign W5DDL from 1300Z - 2300Z each day, beginning on Friday October 5th and ending on Sunday October 7th. Frequencies are: 7.260 - 7.265, 14.260 - 14.265 MHz plus or minus QRM along the different checkpoints along the 135 mile Teche River in South Louisiana.

**QSL Information:** To receive QSL card, send a SASE to our W5DDL QSL manager:  
Chris Ancelet N5MCY  
143 Breezeway Ct.  
Egan, LA 70531

Website: <http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/Tour%20du%20Teche/>

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### **Now What?** By Joseph “Moe” Meaux K2JDM

Up until now, it would appear I have been rambling at times about a variety of things. But I am getting to a point here. It is Preparedness and Planning.

We must be Prepared for a disaster. This is one reason many Ham operators go out and do field operations such as Field Day, SOTA, JOTA, POTA, and a variety of other operations. To check your equipment. To make sure you have everything you may need. Learning how to operate “off-grid” is essential in an Emergency. And to do all this we have to Plan Ahead.

And it is the Planning that must be thorough and complete. You forgot that extra battery? Have you planned to recharge the one you have? Or have you planned a way to get power to your rig? Forgot your antenna? Do you have the wire to make another? Do you know how to make another? Has the weather suddenly turned colder? Is it going to rain?

Being Prepared isn't just for the Boy Scouts! Ham Operators need to be Prepared for their own sake and **maybe** for the lives of others.



**CLARC Hamfest 2018**

Saturday, October 13th 2018

Kees Park, 2450 Hwy 28 E.,

Pineville, Louisiana

**CLARC**

CENTRAL LOUISIANA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

**Time:** 8:00 AM till 1:00 PM**Admission:** \$5.00.Main Prize and Door Prize Tickets: **\$1.00 ea.****Tables:** \$10.00. *Tables are on a first come, first serve basis.***TALK IN:** 147.330 PL Tone 173.8**Alternate Frequency:** 147.375 PL Tone 173.8**ECHOLINK:** KD5DFL-R or Node # 169091**For advanced tickets and information contact:****Scott Wren at:** kd5dfl@hotmail.com or call 318-484-6744**Check us out on the web at:** [www.clarc.us](http://www.clarc.us)**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/CLARCHams/>**VE Testing:** Will Be Available 8-9 AM**Forums:** NIMS Training 8-1 PM (In Large Room)

ARES Forum 9-10

ARRL Forum 10-11

Skywarn Basic 11-12

Skywarn Advanced 12-1

**Grand Prize:****Icom 7300 HF/50 MHz Transceiver****Second Prize: Icom 2730A Dual Band Mobile****Third Prize: Wouxun KG-UV8 Handi-Talkie**

## September 2018 AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

| NET                      | SESSIONS: | TOTAL<br>CHECK-INS: | TOTAL<br>TRAFFIC: | TOTAL TIME:<br>Minutes | Net<br>Manager               |
|--------------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| AARA Monday Night Net    | 3         | 44                  | 0                 | 85                     | KD5JSM Danny                 |
| Region 4 SkyWarn Net     | 4         | 46                  | 0                 | 115                    | N5MCY Chris                  |
| Silent Key Memorial Net  | 4         | 31                  | 0                 | 62                     | KD5JSM Danny                 |
| Youth Thursday Night Net | 4         | 29                  | 0                 | 97                     | KF5BEW Abbi<br>KF5FYS Kendra |

Error is a hardy plant; it flourisheth in every soil.

~~~ Martin Farquhar Tupper

### AARA Monday Night 2 Meter Net Rotation

Beginning January 1, 2018, the net will not rotate between repeaters but the Net Controllers will rotate each week and held on the 146.820 W5DDL repeater only.

In case of a repeater failure, the alternate receiver will be the W5EXI repeater.

The October 2018 schedule can be downloaded and printed in Adobe Acrobat .PDF from the club website.

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/news/htm>

| DATE:      | TIME:   | REPEATER:     | PL TONE: | NCS          |
|------------|---------|---------------|----------|--------------|
| 10/01/2018 | 7:00 PM | 146.820 W5DDL | 103.5    | Danny KD5JSM |
| 10/08/2018 | 7:00 PM | 146.820 W5DDL | 103.5    | Paul N5KNY   |
| 10/15/2018 | 7:00 PM | 146.820 W5DDL | 103.5    | Eric KG5JHP  |
| 10/22/2018 | 7:00 PM | 146.820 W5DDL | 103.5    | Chris N5MCY  |
| 10/28/2018 | 7:00 PM | 146.820 W5DDL | 103.5    |              |

### REGION 4 SKYWARN NET

Each Tuesday night at 7:00 PM (local), the Region 4 SkyWarn Net will take place on the 145.370 SkyWarn repeater in Lafayette. Net Control Operators will alternate each week.

In case the 145.370 repeater fails, the net will be held on the 146.820 W5DDL repeater PL Tone 103.5.

The October schedule can be found at this link:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/news/htm>

When using the SkyWarn 145.370 repeater, be sure to use the receiver PL Tone for your area as follows:  
NW Quadrant 114.8 - NE Quadrant 127.3 - SW Quadrant 141.3 - SE Quadrant 94.8 - Central 103.5.



#### UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

|       |        |         |
|-------|--------|---------|
| 10/01 | KE5IBM | Cheryl  |
| 10/02 | KG5NZF | John    |
| 10/04 | K5LFT  | Greg    |
| 10/05 | W5OHJ  | Tom     |
| 10/10 | KN5GRK | Herman  |
| 10/13 | KX5J   | Lee     |
| 10/17 | KF5FYS | Kendra  |
| 10/17 | KE5KJD | Larry   |
| 10/17 | KI5ARS | William |
| 10/18 | WM5TS  | Dereck  |
| 10/18 | K5CNU  | James   |
| 11/01 | KE5RPL | Joann   |
| 11/03 | K5KSV  | Paul    |
| 11/03 | KG5YYL | Kenneth |

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.

# The Greater New Orleans Ham Fest



**W5CCG**  
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Crescent City  
Amateur Radio  
Group, Inc.

**The  
Greatest Free Show on Earth**



**Saturday, November 10, 2018**

**Harahan Lions Club Building**

**1001 Hickory Ave.**

**Harahan, LA 70123**



**FREE Tables • FREE Admission • FREE Parking • FREE Tailgating**

**VE Exam Session Starts at 8:30 am**

**Don't miss the ARRL, ARES and DMR Forums**

**We will raffle over 15 radios including Boefeng, Icom, Kenwood, Wouxun, Yaesu, plus many other prizes.**

**Several Dealers Attending**

**Talk in – 146.82 Repeater – PL Tone 114.8 Hertz**

**RESERVE your tables now!**

**Contact Joe @ 504 288-7084 or email**

**Joen5ozg@Hotmail.com or Eric af5jg@outlook.com**

**<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2044282109131257/>**



## Fifth Annual "Enigma Reloaded" Operating Event Set to Start on September 28

09/24/2018

The fifth running of the "Enigma Reloaded" operating event will begin on September 28. Sponsored by A.R.I. Fidenza Radio Club, the event celebrates the history of the Enigma cipher machine and its crucial role in World War II, as well as honoring the individuals who developed the device and contributed to its success. [Link](#)

Enigma Event 2018 takes place in two stages: from September 28 until October 5, so-called Activator Stations will be on the air for others to work and to qualify for awards. On October 6, the event's final day, Activator Stations will exchange predefined CW messages previously encrypted by a real or emulated Enigma machine.



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*Share the Fun ~  
Bring a Friend  
to be a HAM.*

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

|                      |                    |                          |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Tour de Teche</b> | <b>October 5-7</b> | <b>various locations</b> |
| <b>Cajun Cup</b>     | <b>November 10</b> | <b>morning hours</b>     |
| <b>Veterans Day</b>  | <b>November 10</b> |                          |

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### **Crawfish or Shrimp Stew**

|                            |                                  |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2 Cups Chicken Broth       | 3Tbs Roux (homemade or store)    |
| 2 Cloves minced garlic     | 1 medium onion, chopped          |
| 1 stalk celery, chopped    | 1 bell pepper, chopped           |
| 1 bay leaf                 | ½ tsp dried thyme                |
| 2 Tbs lemon juice          | Tony's Creole seasoning to taste |
| Salt and Pepper to taste   | Hot Sauce to taste               |
| 2 Tbs chopped Green Onions | 2Tbs chopped Parsley             |

Bring the stock to a boil, and whisk in the roux to dissolve. Add the garlic, onion, celery, bell pepper, bay leaf and thyme. Bring to a boil; reduce heat, Simmer, stirring occasionally, for 30 minutes. Add the crawfish tails or Shrimp and lemon juice. Season with Creole seasoning, salt, pepper and hot sauce. Simmer, while stirring, occasionally, for 15 minutes. Add the onion tops and parsley. Serve over steamed rice. This Recipe' Serves about 4.

### **FCC Information Service**

*Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/ vanity call signs: 1-888-225-5322 This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:*

*[ulscomm@fcc.gov](mailto:ulscomm@fcc.gov).*

**FCC Website:**

*<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>*

*New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/ VEC at 860-594-3000.*

*<http://www.arrl.org/arrlyec>*

*The mailing address to the FCC is:  
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445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554*